



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Ms. Rachel Leven  
Reporter  
Bloomberg BNA  
1801 South Bell Street  
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Ms. Leven:

The October 8, 2014, Freedom of Information Act request of your predecessor, Anthony Adragna, seeking "correspondence related to the John Beale fraud case that includes members of the Office of the Administrator (including Gina McCarthy and Bob Perciasepe) and the EPA press office during the months of August and September 2013," was designated EPA-HQ-2015-000276 and assigned to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of the Administrator for response. The EPA conducted a search and located responsive records.

Upon review the EPA determined that portions of the records are exempt from disclosure pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6), which protects information where disclosure would result in an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5), which protects the deliberative process and prevents the disclosure of privileged information. In addition, portions of the records containing nonresponsive information are marked as such. The records are being released to you with corresponding redactions.

If you have any concerns, you may appeal this final response with an email to [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or by writing to the National Freedom of Information Act officer at:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building  
Records, FOIA and Privacy Branch  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Please note that correspondence mailed through only the U.S. Postal Service can be delivered to the address above. If you would like to deliver your appeal in person, via courier service or via an overnight-delivery service, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Your written appeal must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include the request number listed above. The EPA will not consider appeals received after the 90 calendar-day limit. In addition, appeals received after 5 p.m. Eastern time are

considered as having been received the next business day. For the quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email or the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may seek dispute-resolution services from the EPA's FOIA public liaison at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or (202) 566-1667 or from the National Archives and Records Administration's Office of Government Information Services. You may contact the Office of Government Information Services with an email to [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); by calling toll free (877) 684-6448 or (301) 837-1996; with a fax to (301) 837-0348; or by mail to National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services, 8610 Adelphi Road, Room 2510, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. Wachter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eric E. Wachter  
Director

Enclosure